

WADE'S MOTHER AND YOUNG WIFE TESTIFY FOR HIM

He Never Could Learn "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep."

DEFENSE IS INSANITY.

Mrs. Nott Absent From Murder Trial Caused by Love Affair.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent) BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Ida Lewis Wade, the mother of Edward B. Wade, the twenty-three-year-old boy who is on trial for the murder of George B. Nott, the husband of the woman he loved, broke down on the stand in the Criminal Superior Court today after she had followed her husband in testifying to her son's alleged mental deficiencies.

The mother, small, handsome, forty-one years old, well dressed, appeared entirely composed at first. She testified that as a child Edward did not respond to teaching because of a defective memory.

"He never even learned to repeat the prayer, 'Now I lay me down to sleep,' she swore.

"The other child learned readily to repeat prayers and nursery rhymes, but Edward never could. I kept on trying to teach him until he was nine or ten, and then I decided if he couldn't learn then he never could."

"What was his attitude toward you?" asked former Judge Cromley, who had just brought out that young Wade was indifferent to his wife and two young children.

Mrs. Wade burst into tears as her voice broke.

"To me he was always gentle and kind. He was always the best boy in the world to me. He was always a good boy."

Mrs. Wade continued to cry softly and Justice Hinman recessed court for a few minutes to give her an opportunity to regain her composure.

Young Wade, whose callousness to the proceedings has been one of the most remarkable features of one of the most atrocious murders ever committed in this State, did not look at his mother while she was on the stand. He sat with his head bent, his chin on his chest and whatever emotions he felt, if any, were not apparent to the spectators. Mrs. Wade was excused.

The defendant's wife, pretty, with a child-like face, was called to the stand. She wore a black hat and a brown coat and her testimony began in a halting fashion.

"Before we were married I used to write him letters," she testified when asked about his mental development. "But I learned after we were married he couldn't read them and his mother read them to him. He couldn't read newspapers and never wrote to me."

"I tried to teach him to keep his accounts, but he couldn't learn, so I kept them myself. I tried to teach him that with milk at nine cents a quart, if a person took it seven days would be 63 cents. He repeated that after me for an hour and a little later could not tell me what it was."

"What was his attitude toward your children?"

"Absolute indifference," Wade sat with arms folded while she testified, looking at the floor. Occasionally he would look at her and then glance around, a faint smile on his full lips.

Edbert O. Wade, the father, was the first witness called by the defense, and the whole line of examination was with the purpose in view of showing Wade as a mental defective. The defense is to be insanity and two new alienists were in court today to be used in the battle of experts by State and defense.

The elder Wade pitched the curve for the defense when he swore his son had not the mentality to make proper change.

Mr. Wade testified he knew of his son's infatuation for Mrs. Nott, who was not in court this morning.

"I spoke to him about it, and to Mrs. Nott and to Mr. Nott," said Wade. "Nott said he simply did not blame the boy, and that the influence of his wife kept him going there. I spoke to him (young Wade) about it, but the next day Mrs. Nott would telephone for him and he'd go."

On cross-examination, Mr. Wade, who had previously testified that his son and Mrs. Nott had promised not to see each other after he had given Edward a milk route, testified that both had broken their promises.

Under cross-examination, the father admitted the son had picked up some knowledge since leaving school. It developed that young Wade had stolen some money from his father and eloped to Chicago with a woman thirty years old.

"He had sense enough to collect that money, didn't he?" asked Mr. Cummings.

"The woman was the brains," replied the father, who testified that his son had stood trial for embezzlement and was out on probation when he killed Nott.

Lloyd Haviland, Superintendent of the Connecticut State Hospital, testified by records that the maternal grandfather of the prisoner died there of inherited insanity.

Aristocrats of the Feline World on Exhibit At Annual Cat Show in Waldorf-Astoria Hotel



MISS CORNELIA O'CONNELL AND "SILVER ECHINUS"



SEREN RICHARDSON AND "SERAPH" OWNED BY MRS. LYMAN B. STURGIS

KEEP WOMEN OFF JURIES, URGES JUDGE TALLEY

Importance of Motherhood Paramount to Any Other Service, He Declares.

JUDGE TALLEY of General Sessions today made public his reply to an inquiry from Sheriff Knott as to his views on the proposed changes of the Judiciary Law affecting women for jury duty.

"Women should be free from jury service," Judge Talley said. "They should be exempted because the laws of nature are above jury service."

Motherhood, Judge Talley said, is Divine; jury obligation is human, finite and fallible. Public policy demands laws for the protection of women for no other reason than that they are women. The future of the race is more important than a woman's right of contract.

As to the right of a woman to demand trial by a jury of women as her peers, Judge Talley asked if a man over seventy years old, unable to read and write, might not unduly that theory demand a jury of venerable illiterates.

KENTUCKY POET WINS THE PRIZE

"The Way of Beauty" Voted Upon by 270 Guests—Many Noted Writers Meet.

David Morton, young Kentucky poet, was chosen yesterday at the joint meeting and luncheon of the Poetry Society of America and the Book and Play Club, at the Biltmore, when his poem, "The Way of Beauty," submitted in the recent poetry contest, was awarded the prize of \$50. Poems were sent in anonymously and were voted upon by the 270 guests. Miss Emma P. Mills presided and Miss Josie B. Rittenhouse of the Poetry Society was joint hostess.

Other poems voted upon were submitted by Marguerite Wilkinson, Daniel Henderson, Elsie Barker, Stephen Crombie and Amelia Josephine Burr. Miss Zona Gale recited one of her poems and gave a talk on the influence of poetry on the drama. Alfred Kreymborg read poems to the accompaniment of his mandolin, Padraic Colum recited and Dhan Gopal Mukerji, Hindoo poet, spoke on poetry and recited native folk songs.

COP STOPS RUNAWAY NEAR OPEN DRAW

Policeman Hurt and Narrowly Escapes Phunge Into Hackensack River.

Policeman Ritter of the Hudson Boulevard motor squad in Jersey City was badly bruised and injured internally as well as having a narrow escape from plunging into the Hackensack River last night in stopping a runaway horse.

The animal, attached to a delivery wagon, took fright while the owner, Michael Carbole of No. 107 Wales Avenue, was in a store near Fraser Place and West Newark Avenue. Ritter took up the chase and made several attempts to grab the horse as the horse dashed to Buffalo Avenue and toward the Hackensack River bridge. The draw was open and Ritter succeeded in throwing the animal only a few yards from the edge.

Ritter was treated at City Hospital and sent home.

Woman Speaker of British Columbia Legislature.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 6.—A woman will be the next speaker of the British Columbia Legislature. Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, newly elected representative from Vancouver, received such a large plurality in the recent election that the Cabinet named her for the Speakership to-day.

DAILY THE WALK OF A HOUSEWIFE IS TWO MILES

Travels That Distance in Work of Preparing and Serving Family Meals.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 6. PREPARATION of meals for an average family means a two-mile daily kitchen marathon for the housewife, statistics compiled for the Conference of Vocational Workers of the South, in session here, disclose.

A pedometer attached to students in the kitchen of the model home at Livingston School showed this measurement for the stove-sink-and-pantry route covered during the period from bacon and eggs to dinner and dessert.

BROOKLYN DOCTOR HELD IN BUFFALO

E. F. Edwards, Accused of Passing Bad Checks, Declared to Have 'Wooded Society Girl.'

(Special to The Evening World.) BUFFALO, Jan. 6.—Dr. Edward F. Edwards, of No. 1347 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, was arrested here last night on a charge of petit larceny. His arrest ended a tour of the State which the doctor had made in a high-powered car, leaving behind it is alleged, souvenirs in the form of bad checks passed in Brooklyn, Schenectady and Utica. The specific charge upon which Dr. Edwards was arrested was the attempt to pass a check for \$25 at the La Fayette Hotel.

Detectives declare Dr. Edwards was planning to marry a society girl here whom he had met only a few days ago. They would not give the girl's name. Dr. Edwards described himself as an X-Ray specialist.

Dr. Edwards, who is said to have a wife in Brooklyn, used a pass book of a New York bank to establish his identity in passing checks, the police declare.

BABY IN COURT IN ANNULMENT SUIT

Mother Shows Infant to Jurors to Refute Charge Made by Young Husband.

George Henry Loeffler, six-months-old son of Mrs. Harriet Loeffler, today was exhibited in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, in her defense in the suit for annulment of their marriage. Loeffler is nineteen years old and his wife is twenty-four. The case is before Justice Dyke. Loeffler alleges he is not the father of the child.

Mrs. Loeffler's attorney, H. A. Herold, summoned her to the stand today with her baby.

"Take off his cap; show the baby to the jury. Turn it around; look at the back of its head; look at its profile and see the baby's resemblance to the plaintiff," said Herold, first addressing the mother, then the jurors. The case will go to the jury this afternoon.

Loeffler receives \$12,000 a year from his grandfather's estate and is to receive \$200,000 when he is twenty-five years old.

HAD COL. GREEN'S PEKINESE.

Homeless Man Accused of Stealing \$500 Dog From Auto.

Charged with stealing a \$500 Pekinese dog from the automobile of Col. Edward H. R. Green parked at 82nd Avenue and 44th Street, a shabbily dressed man who said he was John Price, thirty, and without a home for three weeks, was looked up in the West 47th Street Station last night.

According to Detective Brady, shortly before 11 o'clock, Price passed holding something under his coat. He stopped the man and Price showed him a dog, stating he had taken it from an auto. He was supplied with sandwiches and coffee by Detectives Brady and Quinn of the West 47th Street Station and then locked up.

BIG LIQUOR THEFT FOILED BY WOMAN, HUSBAND SEIZED

Alleged Fake Dry Agents Captured After Gun Fight in Brooklyn Streets.

A large touring car, followed closely by a motor truck, stopped late last night at the home of Samuel Wachtel, a Brooklyn saloon keeper, at No. 119 Amboy Street, Brownsville, and three men hurried from the car. To Mrs. Wachtel, who let them in, they said they were Prohibition enforcement agents and had a warrant, which they showed her, to take thirty-five cases of whiskey from the cellar.

They brushed past her and immediately began an attack on the lock of the door leading to the cellar stairs. Mrs. Wachtel, not stopping to argue with them, hastened to the telephone and called up the police of the Brownsville Station. Then the men fled without the whiskey.

The car managed to get away, but Capt. Henry Helf and Detectives Harry Beck, Joseph Domelon and William Cohen pursued the truck and after firing several shots stopped it at Clinton and Amboy Streets. They arrested Dominic Attio of No. 181 Mulberry Street, Manhattan, owner of the truck, and James Leake of No. 183 Mulberry Street, the driver.

At the Brownsville station the two disclosed the names of two of their alleged companions in the adventure and they were arrested early this morning. They were Amadio Garbieri of No. 180 Mulberry Street and Anthony Lallo of No. 214 Grand Street, the latter said to be the driver of the touring car.

Later Wachtel, himself, was arrested charged with violating the Volstead Act, as the whiskey was found in the cellar. He said it had been there before Prohibition went into effect.

The four other men were arraigned today in Brownsville Court.

Robins, Snakes, Flowers, Girls In Spring Signs

Balmy Visitor Prepares to Move in and No Fuss With Landlords, Either.

Miss Gentle Spring, suffering slightly from a cold in the head but otherwise optimistic, took a lease on the whole North Atlantic Coast today and prepared to move in.

Encouraged by her warm breath, the birds and snakes and caterpillars and commuters and flowers and maypole trees and haberdashers and Broadway girls translated their faith into works as follows:

A robin sang in Jamaica; also a sparrow built a nest behind a shutter on the house of William A. Lawrence, No. 87 Shelton Avenue.

The sap rose in several maple trees around the home of William Franz at Winstead, Conn.

A total abstainer at Goshen, Conn., saw a twenty-inch snake basking in the sunshine on the shore of White Pond. Mrs. Richard Soule of Norfolk, Conn., found one lively caterpillar; her husband found two more and proceeded to plant sweet peas (which are not yet in bloom.)

Robert Bailey, Superintendent of the Bureau of Highways, Staten Island, saw a duel between a hen hawk and a brown snake two feet and ten minutes long, the hen hawk winning by cutting off the snake's head.

Haberdashers are displaying spring underwear and the Broadway girls are wearing furs—a summer custom.

Official Forecast: Fair and colder to-night; Friday fair; RISING TEMPERATURE.

1 A. M. WEDDING FOR N. Y. BROKER IN PORT CHESTER

Bond Dealer Is Married After Late Telephone Appointment With Justice of Peace.

Malcolm Merritt of Port Chester, Justice of the Peace, was about to turn out the light and go to bed at 11 o'clock last night when the telephone rang.

"Sure I'll marry you—come on out," said the Justice to the man at the other end of the wire in New York City.

But he didn't know how long it would take for the trip from the city, so he went to bed. At 1 o'clock this morning—the door bell the time—and in came a couple who gave their names as Alfred R. Rime of No. 44 West 10th Street, and Miss Irene F. Donahue of No. 261 West 21st Street, both of Manhattan.

They displayed a New York marriage license and the Justice, having made a hasty toilet, performed the ceremony.

"Then they went to the Palace Hotel for the night, and I don't know what their plans were after that," said the Justice. "The man gave his age as forty and the girl said she was twenty-two."

A Mr. Rime deals in foreign Government bonds at No. 50 Broadway. At his home this morning a housekeeper with a Swedish accent said her employer was not married and not at home. She was dead sure of both points.

Bank Teller Denies Theft Charge. William Irving Emmens, recent teller of the Staten Island Savings Bank, who was indicted on charges of grand larceny for misappropriating \$5,000 of the institution's funds, today pleaded not guilty before Supreme Court Justice Callaghan. The court gave him until next Tuesday to change his plea and file motions.

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